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PRESS RELEASE

932 volunteers pick up 29,348 pounds of trash from Texas beaches during 2018 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups!

Seven beaches were targeted in Coastal Bend and RGV

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the results for the Coastal Bend Winter Cleanups organized by the General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program. At the Winter Texan Cleanup at Andy Bowie Park on South Padre Island, 493 volunteers removed 17,748 pounds of trash from three miles of Texas coastline. The Coastal Bend Winter Cleanup had 439 volunteers at six sites who removed 11,600 pounds of trash from 23.5 miles of beach. "Our Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are an example of what Texans can accomplish together," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "These Texans demonstrated their commitment to keeping our beaches clean, not just for their own enjoyment, but for beachgoers who come from near and far. I want to thank the nearly 1,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers who joined forces to care for the coast this past weekend.

All Texans are encouraged to sign up to volunteer and to make a tax-deductible donation at TexasAdoptABeach.org." The results from the Winter Cleanup include:

- 1/2 Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay- 16 volunteers - 1,000 pounds of trash from one mile.
- 1/2 Kid's Place at Cole Park - 106 volunteers - 1,400 pounds of trash from three miles.
- 1/2 North Corpus Christi Beach - 149 volunteers - 3,725 pounds of trash from nine miles.
- 1/2 Packery Flats - 28 volunteers - 575 pounds of trash from 1.5 miles.
- 1/2 Padre Island National Seashore - 82 volunteers - 4,150 pounds of trash from four miles.
- 1/2 Port Aransas - 58 volunteers - 750 pounds of trash from five miles.
- 1/2 RGV/South Padre Island - 493 volunteers - 17,748 pounds of trash from three miles.

The Winter Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach program of the Texas General Land Office.

Most trash found on Texas beaches is left there by litterbugs. Since 1986, Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up 9,550 tons of trash, which is the equivalent to the weight of 64 blue whales, making it one of the most successful volunteer programs in the nation. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline.

The Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program is funded primarily by private contributions. To help out, or for more information, call the Adopt-A-Beach program at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our website at TexasAdoptABeach.org. You can follow Adopt-A-Beach on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TexasAdoptABeach](https://www.facebook.com/TexasAdoptABeach) or on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TXAdoptABeach](https://twitter.com/TXAdoptABeach).

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